

**Governor's H.B. No. 7027 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.'**

Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Formica, Representative Ziobron, and members of the Appropriations Committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

As you are well aware in the Governor's budget he is looking to increase the fee for gun permits by over 400% in which I think is insane to even think that type of increase is appropriate for the citizens of Connecticut, No other fee was increased this amount and can only be taken as a direct attack on the law-abiding citizens that take part in the sport of shooting, Hunting, or may want to protect themselves outside of their homes. By increasing the permit this amount you would be forcing people that don't earn a lot of money or are on a fixed income not to be able to afford a permit and would in a sense be banning them from exercising their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights.

I urge that you **OPPOSE** Section 48 (T1854) and Section 58 (T1938) of H.B. 7027 that would support the Governor's proposed pistol permit rate increase. By appropriating the funds received from the rate increases you will be supporting the pistol permit and application fee increases.

The cost of Connecticut pistol permits is already triple the national average.

I urge that you **do not support** any more attacks on the law-abiding gun owners of this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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